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1. ANNUAL MARCH TO PROTEST PRESENCE OF NATO BASE IN ICELAND
OCCURRED JUNE 10. AS IN PAST, PROTEST COVERED MUCH GROUND
CONSISTENT WITH SLOGAN QTE AGAINST SALE OF COUNTRY - AGAINST
MILITARY POWER- AGAINST CAPITALISM - ICELAND OUT OF NATO -
OUT WITH THE MILITARY UNQTE.

2. UNLIKE 1977 MARCH WHICH LASTED ONLY TWELVE MILES, THIS
YEARS'S VERSION WENT ENTIRE THIRTY-MILE DISTANCE FROM KEFLAVIK
BASE TO REYKJAVIK STOPPING IN SEVERAL TOWNS ALONG ROUTE FOR
SINGING AND SPEECH-MAKING. NUMBER OF MARCHERS VARIED AT
ABOUT 500-700 ALONG ROUTE AS SOME JOINED AND OTHERS DROPPED
OUT AT DIFFERENCE LOCATIONS. WHEN DEMONSTRATIONS REACHED
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REYKJAVIK AT NIGHT, MARCHERS AND OTHER LISTENED TO
CHAIRMAN OF PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE
AND OTHER SPOKESMEN AT HALF-HOUR RALLY CALL FOR
EVACUATION OF US FORCES FROM KEFLAVIK BASE AND ICE-
LAND'S WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO. ATTENDANCE WAS APPROXI-
MATELY 800-900.

3. COMMENT: PARTICIPATION WAS LESS THAN THAT IN 1977
WHEN PROMOTERS HYPED MARCH AS "FAMILY OUTING". SPON-
SORS, HOWEVER, ARE PROBABLY NOT TOO DISAPPOINTED SINCE
POOR WEATHER AND LENGTH OF MARCH TOOK THEIR TOLL.
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